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In re Application of: PARSONS, et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
LIQUEFYING OF A POWDERY FAT
BASED PRODUCT PARTICULARLY
IN THE PRODUCTION OF
CHOCOLATE AND THE LIKE

NOTIFICATION REGARDING
RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION
OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

On 21 April 2005, this Office issued a decision informing applicants that some of the declaration materials filed on 04 April 2005 were unacceptable. Specifically, the decision found that the four page declarations executed by inventors Nicholas Tyers PARSONS, Stephen Thomas BECKETT, Stuart BLACKBURN, and Stefan REUSS were defective in that they did not identify the seventh inventor, Fernando GOMES. It was noted that the five page declaration executed by Maxine JOLLY, Kate ARMSTRONG, and Fernando GOMES was acceptable with respect to these three inventors.

On 20 May 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification Of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an acceptable oath or declaration was required herein, citing the attached 21 April 2005 decision.

On 20 June 2005, applicants filed the response considered herein. This response included partial declarations executed by inventors PARSONS, BECKETT, BLACKBURN, and REUSS. Each of these partial declarations consisted of pages 1 and 2, with one additional signature page (either page 3 or page 4) executed by one of the inventors. As with the previously submitted declarations, these partial declarations are defective for failure to identify all of the other inventors herein (each contains only one signature page listing only three of the seven inventors).

Based on the above, the 20 June 2005 submission is a defective response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed 20 May 2005.

A proper response must be filed within **ONE (1) MONTH** from the mail date of this decision and must include proper, complete declarations in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) executed by inventors PARSONS, BECKETT, BLACKBURN, and REUSS.

No extensions of this time limit may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a), but the period for response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 20 May 2005 may be extended up to a maximum of five months.

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